

DOD SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense Supply Chain Management Plan, focusing on the extent to which the supply chain management improvement plan is integrated with other Department of Defense logistics strategies, concepts, and plans, and if the Department has identified valid performance metrics and data to use in monitoring initiatives and measuring

progress, after receiving testimony from Alan F. Estevez, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Supply Chain Integration; and William M. Solis, Director, Defense Capabilities Management, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5874–5888; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 453; and H. Res. 942, 945–948 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 362, to establish a program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Coast Guard to help identify, determine sources of, assess, reduce, and prevent marine debris and its adverse impacts on the marine environment and navigation safety, in coordination with non-Federal entities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–332, Pt. 2);

H.R. 5013, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to prohibit the confiscation of firearms during certain national emergencies (H. Rept. 109–596);

Conference report on S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act (H. Rept. 109–597);

H. Res. 946, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act (H. Rept. 109–598); and

H. Res. 947, providing for consideration of H.R. 5682, to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India (H. Rept. 109–599).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dent to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Improving Outcomes for Children Affected by Meth Act of 2006: S. 3525, amended, to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve outcomes for children in families affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction, to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the safe and stable families program, and for other purposes.”

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Amending section 1113 of the Social Security Act to temporarily increase funding for the program of temporary assistance for United States citizens returned from foreign countries: H.R. 5865, to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to temporarily increase funding for the program of temporary assistance for United States citizens returned from foreign countries;

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Amending the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance emergency communications at the Department of Homeland Security: H.R. 5852, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance emergency communications at the Department of Homeland Security, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 397;

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Children’s Safety and Violent Crime Reduction Act of 2006: H.R. 4472, with Senate amendments,

to protect children from sexual exploitation and violent crime, to prevent child abuse and child pornography, to promote Internet safety, and to honor the memory of Adam Walsh and other child crime victims—clearing the measure for the President;

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FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2006: H.R. 4804, amended, to modernize the manufactured housing loan insurance program under title I of the National Housing Act, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 398;

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Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2006: H.R. 5121, amended, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 400;

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Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2006: H.R. 5068, amended, to reauthorize the operations of the Export-Import Bank, and to reform certain operations of the Bank;

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Promoting Transparency in Financial Reporting Act of 2006: H.R. 5024, amended, to require annual oral testimony before the Financial Services Committee of the Chairperson or a designee of the Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, relating to their efforts to promote transparency in financial reporting;

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Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006: H.R. 5013, amended, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to prohibit the confiscation of firearms during certain national emergencies, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nays vote of 322 yeas to 99 nays, Roll No. 401;

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Amending the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007: H.R. 5187, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007;

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Expressing the sense of Congress in support of a national bike month and in appreciation of cyclists and others for promoting bicycle safety and the benefits of cycling: H. Con. Res. 145, to express the sense of Congress in support of a national bike month and in appreciation of cyclists and others for promoting bicycle safety and the benefits of cycling;

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Expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual: H. Con. Res. 235, to express the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual;

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Railroad Retirement Technical Improvement Act of 2006: H.R. 5074, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the Treasury;

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Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the historic 1946 season of Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member Bob Feller and his return from military service to the United States: H. Con. Res. 449, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the historic 1946 season of Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member Bob Feller and his return from military service to the United States, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 402; and

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Recognizing and honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans: H. Con. Res. 384, to recognize and honor the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans, by a (2/3) yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 403.

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Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the George Miller of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, which was debated on Thursday, July 20th, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 281 yeas to 139 nays, Roll No. 399.

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Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Subsequently, the House began consideration of the George Miller of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Wednesday, July 26th.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5831.

Senate Referrals: S. 1950 was referred to the Committee on International Relations and S. 403, S. 3728, and S. 2832 were held at the desk. Page H5852

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5742–43, H5743, H5743–44, H5813–14, H5814, H5815, H5815–16. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HORSE PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 503, To amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sweeney and Goodlatte; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on How To Build a Payment System That Provides Quality, Efficient Care for Medicare Beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, CBO; A. Bruce Steinwald, Director, Health Care, GAO; Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and a public witness.

Hearings continue July 27.

REAL ESTATE MARKET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Changing Real Estate Market.” Testimony was heard from J. Bruce McDonald, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Director, Office of Policy Planning, FTC; David G. Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

TERRORISM THREATS AND THE INSURANCE MARKET

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee

on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment of the Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled “Terrorism Threats and the Insurance Market.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RE-EMPLOYING FEDERAL RETIREES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled “Retirees Returning to the Rescue: Re-employing Annuitants in Times of National Need.” Testimony was heard from Nancy Kichak, Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, OPM; Patricia Bradshaw, Deputy Under Secretary, Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Barbara Panther, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ronald Sanders, Chief Human Capitol Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and public witnesses.

DOD EXCESS PROPERTY SECURITY RISKS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “DOD Excess Property: Inventory Control Breakdowns Present a Security Risk.” Testimony was heard from Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Alan F. Estevez, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (Supply Chain Integration); MG Bennie E. Williams, USA, Director, Logistics Operations, Defense Logistic Agency; and Paul Peters, Director, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service.

STOPPING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Is the Federal Government Doing All It Can To Stem the Tide of Illegal Immigration.” Testimony was heard from Martin H. Gerry, Deputy Commissioner, Social Security for Disability and Income Support Programs, SSA; Al Robinson, Acting Administrator, Wage and Hour Administration, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Janis Sposato, Associate Director, National Security and Records Verification Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service; and Matthew Allen, Deputy Assistant Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and K. Steven Burgess, Director, Examinations Small Business/Self Employed Division, IRS, Department of the Treasury.